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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOY'S ADVENT-URE RIGHT IN NEW YORK.

Veracious Tale Showing That It Isn't safe for Lads of Twenty to Walk Through Fulton Street at Noontime-A Perilous Trip to Darkest Jersey.

People who read stories of young men who are kidnapped in busy streets of New York in broad daylight and don't believe them should have a talk with Thomas Harry Malle, an apprentice in W. J. Bormay & Co.'s lithographing establishment at 64 Fulton street. Thomas told to the police vesterday a story of how he was kidnapped by four men a little after noon on Thurs-

Thomas is 20 years old, and has worked with the Bormay company for three years, during which he was never known to tell a lie. He lives with his parents at 24 Charles street, Rosebank, Staten Island, is a member of St. John's Church and Sunday school there and is a member of the Grace Chapel Athletic Club, at Second avenue and Fourteenth street.

The boy was often sent by his employers with checks to be deposited in the Nassau Bank, at Nassau and Beekman streets. On Thursday at 12:30 o'clock he left the shop for lunch without putting on his collar and rarted for a restaurant in South street. Then the strange things happened. This is how he tells about it:

"I was in the restaurant in South street, near Fulton, for about twenty-five minutes. Then I came out and walked up Fulton street. When I got to Front street at the back of Fulton Market two strange men stepped up to me. A coach, pulled by one horse, drove up. Then, quick as a flash, before I could make an outcry, the two men grabbed me from behind and pushed me into the coach, in which were two other men, one of whom had opened the door. Before I had time to yell for help the two men who had grabbed me got in and the coach drove away at a rapid rate. I was pushed to the floor and one man held his hand over my mouth. Another took a band of cloth and wrapped it over my nose and mouth, gagging me so that I could not utter a sound and making it al-

most impossible for me to breathe. "I could not tell which way the coach was going. The men kept silent, except when I struggled. Then one of them would say:

"'If you don't stop that I'll punch you." "In a little while I heard a gong and knew I was going on a ferryboat. To the best of my recollection we were on the boat about twenty minutes. Then we

boat about twenty minutes. Then we landed and continued the drive, first over rough cobblestones and then on dirt roads. I was nearly stifled by the bandage which bound my nostrils.

"At last the cab stopped and the man who was sitting on me all the way over turned to me and said:

"There are five of us here to do you if you try to squeal on us. We will shoot you and throw your body into the river if you say one word of what we have done.' By the fifth man I suppose he meant the driver.

driver.

"The man who threatened me had red nair and a red mustache, and I would know him if I saw him again. He and another man went through my pockets and took all they found there—\$1.80 in change, some receipts and my membership card in the athletic club.

"Then they pushed me out of the coach after taking the gag from my mouth, and I was out in the country beside a narrow stream. A green flat-bottomed

I eaw that I was out in the country beside a narrow stream. A green flat-bottomed rowboat was moored to the bank and I thought the men were going to take me out in it and drown me, so I made a dash to get

"To my surprise the men didn't try to stop me, but yelled: 'Run as fast as you can or we will shoot.' Needless to say, I ran. I went across fields and then struck a rail-

all dressed in dark clothes, and though they were not rowdies they did not look like gentlemen. They were all middle-aged. The man with the red hair was someaged. The man with the red hair was somewhat shorter than the rest. One of the others was rather thin and I noticed that a half of the thumb on his left hand was

Young Malle said he knew some people Young Malle said he knew some people would doubt the story, but he swore that he was telling the truth. He had no enemies that he knew of, and the only theory he had was that his assailants thought he was

carrying money to the bank.

The boy told the story of his adventures to his parents when he got home, and yesterday morning his father, who is a shoemaker with a shop in Front street, went with him and told his employer about it.

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Mr. Bormay immediately called up an evening newspaper to tell all about the story, vouched for the fact that the boy could be trusted, and then sent him to the

Could be trusted, and then sent him to the Oak street police station to report it.

Thomas told the story to Roundsman Mulhall and Detective Sergeant Stafford, and though they made him tell it over and over again, they didn't get any conflicting statements. Then they went out to look over the ground and came to the conclusion that the kidnapping could not At the place where the boy said the cab

At the place where the boy said the cab drove up there are a number of booths in which people who sell things can see the street. No one could be found who saw any scuffle or any cab, and according to the detectives cabs stop so seldom in that part of the town that one certainly would have been noticed. Young Malle was somewhat elated that

the detectives were not able to shake his "They made me go over it about twenty times, but I never changed it about twenty times, but I never changed it a bit," he said. Then with true dramatic instinct he added: "And this is New York! This happened in New York!"

TO BUILD A ROCKAWAY TROLLEY.

Ocean Electric Railway Company Asks City for a Franchise.

The Ocean Electric Railway Company of Rockaway applied to the Board of Estimate yesterday for a franchise to build an electric railroad between Rockaway and Far Rockaway. There is only one main road between these resorts and the company wants to lay tracks along this thoroughfare. The railroad is to be six and a half miles long. It is understood that the Long Island Railroad is behind the company.

Corporation Counsel Rives is preparing an opinion in which he will state that there is a law preventing the laying of railroad tracks on macadamized roads in Queens and that it would be inexpedient to grant such a franchise.

The board postponed consideration of the matter until next week.

THE BROOKLYN IN COMMISSION. The Repaired Cruiser Soon to Be Rear-

Admiral Cotton's Flagship. The armored cruiser Brooklyn, which had been undergoing repairs since she was injured at New Bedford, during the man-ceuvres last September, by striking a un-charted reef, was placed in commission at the navy yard yesterday. She will accompany the North Atlantic battleship MAY NOT REVISE LITURGY.

Reformed Church Synod Is Divided-Adjournment Gives Time for Consideration. ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 5.-The discussion of liturgy revision in the Reformed

Church Synod to-day was cut short after the delegates had had an opportunity to show their temper. The spirit of progress as it turned out was not so well grounded in the Reformed Church Communion as to permit the revision of time-honored forms without a vigorous protest. Dr. George S. Bishop of East Orange brought the old Churchmen into line with the power of warm criticism not unmixed with tears Dr. Bishop was palpably affected and his earnestness was so effective in defence of the old communion service that the delegates who had previously voted to adopt the report of the Revision Committee, so far as it related to baptism, became vacillating, and the whole work of the committee was nearly thrown out of Synod when the adjournment hour was reached, and the question was incontinently dropped.

The Committee of Revision, headed by Dr. Hutton, defends the proposed changes on the ground that it is the sense of a majority of the classes. The committee disclaims any attempt to attack or mar the doctrines of the Church, but Dr. Bishop charged with great vehemence that Scriptural language had been left out of the communion office and that the doctrine of the Church was sensibly weakened.

The same, it was said, was true of the marriage service. Scripturally, he said, the duty of obedience was positively enjoined. It was no detraction from the dignity of womanhood. "We all have to obey somebody or something," said Dr Bishop. "What is the odds as long as we do the Lord's will."

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The Western delegates locked horns on the shortened communion service. A Dutch elder from Iowa said his church was in open rebellion against any change. Another Dutch elder from the West held the opposite view and charged that even in Holland the churches were only half filled on communion Sunday because the people tired of a service that continued from 9 until 12 o'clock.

Dr. Johnson of Albany, Dr. Burrell of New York, Dr. James M. Vance of Newark and other great lights of the Church joined in the debate. The Synod was swayed first for, and then against. One elder from Albany said the warning and admonitions in the old service contained allusions to sins which some clergymen omitted to read on conscientious grounds.

The statement brought forth a scathing reply from Dr. Bishop, who contended with fine scorn that the severest warnings of Christ as well as His sweetest admonitions were given in the language which was now thought to be indelicate.

The battle raged until President Wells, looking at his watch, said "it is time to adjourn." There was a great sigh of relief from the Synod and the accumulating business of the afternoon staved off the discussion, which must, however, be resumed to-morrow.

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The consensus of opinion is that the old

forms will be retained for the communion office and that the marriage service will still contain the antiquated and time-honored "obey," although there is plainly a divided sentiment which may be turned in either direction on the slightest provocation.

SOUGHT A GRAVE ROBBER And Found His First Wife-Suit for Divorc Follows.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 5 .- A strange story was told Judge Case in the Superior Court to-day during the proceedings for the annulment of the marriage of William H. Christie and Mrs. Carrie Christie.

Mrs. Carrie Chritie testified that she met Mr. Christie in Boston in July, 1889, and on Aug. 2 they were married. She said that prior to her marriage Mr. Christie told her that he was a widower. They left Boston in September, 1899, and came to this city, where they have since lived.

In July of last year Mr. Christie went I went across fields and then struck a railroad track. I walked along that for a time, when a freight train came along and I stole a ride on it to the freight yards in Jersey City. I begged my way across the river on the ferryboat Cincinnati, and once in New York got back to Staten Island with ferry tickets which I had in the watch pocket of my trousers.

"I never saw the men before. They were all dressed in dark clothes, and though that he had seen her. Then they de-

Mr. Christie said that in 1893 he was living in New York and married Maude Barr. A son was born to them and they lived happily until the death of the boy, about a year after his birth. Mrs. Christie left her husband one day without warning and he was unable to find her. She was efforing from heart disease and he was and he was unable to find her. She was suffering from heart disease and he was not greatly surprised, a year after she had left him, to receive a letter from a friend saying that Mrs. Christie was dead. Believing himself a widower, he married again and brought his wife to this city.

He said it was his custom to visit the grave of his son in New York when he could. He went to the grave last September, found it open and the body of his son gone. He complained to the cemetery authorities and they began an investigation. They told Mr. Christie that two women, one of them a nurse, had come to the cemetery office, provided with the proper certificates, and had asked and received permission to have the body removed.

moved.

The matter was put in the hands of the police and on Sept. 21 Christie received word that one of the women had been traced. He went to New York and in company with a policeman visited a boarding house and asked for the woman. His first wife confronted him. first wife confronted him.

Christie has begun a suit for divorce against his first wife in New York courts. He told Judge Case he wished to remarry the second Mrs. Christie after he got a decree from his first wife. Judge Case said "You are asking me to confirm a New

York marriage by annulling a Massachusetts one. That may cause a general mix-up. I will reserve decision." TIPS FROM BOB FITZSIMMONS.

Inquiring Lady Got 'Em Straight, but Never Tumbled.

A Manhattan matron went wandering over Long Island yesterday in search hotel accommodations. She was unfamiliar with Bensonhurst and in the course of her travels came in front of a large and handsome house which bore a sign reading "Rose Villa." A gardener

a sign reading "Rose Villa." A gardener was fixing up the lawn. She called to him: "Is this a summer hotel?"

A lank and freckled person who was directing the gardener in his work stepped forward, took off his hat and replied very courteously that it was not, that it was his private residence. He supplied some information about neighboring boarding houses and the range of prices and comparative cuisine of the hotels.

"I think you will find the X—hotel the best," he said. "If you wish to go there and say that I recommended it they will take care of you and your family;" and he handed his card to her.

The lady thanked him for his courtesy and went on. As she turned the corner

and went on. As she turned the corner she glanced at the pasteboard and read:

MR. ROBERT FITZSIMMONS.

Schoolboy Killed by Trolley Car.

William Ziegler, 8 years old, who lived at 307 East Sixtieth street, was crushed to death yesterday by a Second avenue trolley car near Sixty-second street, while on his way to school with his brother,
Frederick, who is 12 years of age.
Hans Matson, the motorman, and Edward
Müller, the conductor, were arrested and
taken to the Yorkville police court. Magistrate Barlow sent them before the Cor-

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A new method of importing diamonds into the United States is creating something of a disturbance among the New York diamond importers and is causing a feeling of uneasiness on the part of the customs officials and the Treasury Department at Washington. This scheme is the importation of diamonds through other ports and cities in the United States than New York. At this port, so the Government says, is its only competent appraiser of precious stones, and if diamonds are imported through other ports and cities they fall into the hands of appraisers who have had no experience in determining the value of diamonds, and who from the nature of their work are not in touch with diamond prices abroad and the frequent advances and changes in the market there. Be-cause of this ignorance on their part, so the Government says, valuation of diamond shipments must be taken on the word of the importer, which naturally is low. This undervaluation, at 10 per cent. duty, greatly

reduces the cost of stones.

Practically all of the diamonds imported through these other ports are owned by certain New York dealers, who use the names of local jewellers in the other cities

as a blind.

There is considerable feeling against Secretary Shaw because of his stand in the matter, some importers contending that matter, some importers contending that matter, some importers contending that he should not discriminate against the importation of diamonds in smaller cities in favor of New York. He says that the proper port for the entry of diamonds is New York, and that, although the Government does not absolutely demand that Kansas City, Duluth, Minneapolis or any other city shall not import diamonds, it does ask that the practice shall not be made too general. If such a thing were allowed does ask that the practice shall not be made too general. If such a thing were allowed the Government would be obliged to have precious stone experts at these cities, or require the stones to be sent to New

ork for appraisement. The present investigation carried on by the Government is based on a case heard yes-terday by United States General Appraiser Sharratts as to a shipment of diamonds valued at about \$5,000, imported by D. P. Paul of Norfolk, Va. These stones were

Paul of Norfolk, Va. These stones were appraised at 200 and 210 florins by the appraiser at Norfolk.

By some means this appraisement was called to the attention of the Government, and Mr. Sharratts went to Norfolk to investigate. He returned with the diamonds of this city vesterday, and sent for a num-

vestigate. He returned with the diamonds to this city yesterday, and sent for a number of the best diamond experts in the city for an expression of their opinion as to the value of the stones. As a result of their testimony, the stones were advanced to 210 and 225 florins.

It developed at the hearing that the Norfolk concern had never imported diamonds before, and that these diamonds had originally been purchased abroad by a New York firm, which in turn sold them to Paul, the latter importing them. It is said that they were to be turned over by Paul to the New York brokers. The diamonds are still in the possession of the Government awaiting the payment of duty at the increased valuation.

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A large amount of evidence came out at the hearing concerning the practice of certain New York dealers in importing stones through smaller ports. The Government is said to have unear the a notable of the control of the contr ernment is said to have unearthed a num-ber of cases similar to that of the Norfolk

MRS. W. S. LEWIS DIVORCED. Her Last Child Was Named Catherine A.

Justice Maddox granted an interlocutory decree of absolute divorce in Brooklyn yesterday to William S. Lewis against Flora A. Lewis. The plaintiff is a lawyer. He named as corespondent Charles Hoffman. Jr., a plumber, at 242 Water street, Manhattan. The domestic troubles between Mr. Lewis and his wife began in 1896 when they were living in Mr. Hoffman's house at 8 South Elllott place. On Jan. 18, 1899, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Lewis had a quarrel and Mr. Hoffman ordered Mr. Lewis out of the house. Mrs. Lewis continued to live there with her two sons. One of them has given died.

there with her two sons. One of them has since died.

Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Lewis subsequently moved to Flatbush, where they are still living. In 1900 Mr. Lewis began an action against Mr. Hoffman to recover \$50,000 for the alienation of his wife's affections. A jury awarded Mr. Lewis a verdict for \$5,750. In his complaint Mr. Lewis averred that on March 5 last Mrs. Lewis gave birth to a child which has been named Catherine S. Hoffman.

EX-UNION CLUB WAITER HELD. Col. Crosby Appears Against Him on a Charge of Forging a Check.

Col. John Schuyler Crosby of the Union Club appeared in the Yorkville police court yesterday as complainant against Frederick Seaton, the former waiter of the club who is accused of forging Col. Crosby's name to a check for \$25. Seaton, who, it is said, has been employed as a butler by Royal Phelps Carroll and George Vanderbilt was hald in \$2 000 bail for trial.

and asserting that by 80 doing he was compounding a felony. He was directed to confer with the County Attorney and vigorously prosecute violators of the law, instead of collecting tribute from them. The resolutions were referred to the Committee on Judiciary

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peen introduced in the City Council calling for the impeachment of Mayor Patrick Mullins. Mullins was elected on a platform de-claring that there should be no "grafting," which was understood to mean that funds collected from gambling houses, slot machine owners and disorderly houses should go to the City Treasury, and not to officials, but Mullins had a row with the Council the latter refusing to confirm Council, the latter refusing to confirm a large number of his appointments.

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